

Approved BOARD MINUTES December 22, 2015

Motion by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. 7:13 pm. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to exit the Executive Session, 7:26 pm. Carried.

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Manicki, who led the pledge to the flag.

PRESENT:, Mayor Manicki, Trustees Daluisio, Warmus and Retzlaff, Clerk/Treasurer Wachowiak, Deputy Clerk Galbraith, CEO Czechowski, Attorney Trapp, Superintendent Sitzman, Eugene Nuwer, Charles Gaffney and Robert Dumke.

Absent: Trustee Mezydlo

The Mayor recognized two residents who have served for several years on the ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals), presenting them with NYCOM certificates.

Robert Dumke who was appointed to the ZBA on 4/13/1984 has recently submitted his resignation, after serving more than 30 years,

Charles Gaffney was appointed to the ZBA in 1990 received his 25 year recognition certificate. They were both congratulated with a round of applause.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2015 meeting. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated December 22, 2015. Carried

Payroll	\$36,406.56
Abstract	\$46,508.67

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the following reports: DPW for November. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Requests from: McDonald's for a decreased rate on their Nov. bill, from Meals on Wheels for fundraising and Mark Haines Broadway resident concerning sewer main back up. Resolution from Village of Farnham concerning sales tax revenue distribution agreement, Time Warner Cable service information, correspondence from Mitch Martin Community Representative for Senator Gallivan concerning rapid flash beacons for crosswalks now being illegal. Warning letter to LJA Distribution concerning need for solicitor's permit, water rate comparison with ECWA, Newsletter from Grants Action News. Commenting on an article in the Alden Advertiser recently from Nov. 26, 1925: the Village President at the time was having a meeting in Liberal Hall to hear arguments of village government efficiency and possible dissolution. The Village had Presidents until 1950 when they changed the title to Mayor. In the same publication was village census information: 1905-711, 1910-828, 1915-777 and in 1920- 755 residents, compared to 889 in 1925.

The Mayor attended a NYCOM roundtable discussion on December 10 comprised of the proposed legislative agenda for 2016: tax cap and that it is unsustainable in its present form, increase direct state aid as well as grants for infrastructure improvements must be part of the solution. Leading residents to realize their rebate checks will not be worth the loss of local

services. Other topics included: transformational aid grants (dissolutions and consolidations), abandoned properties, water/sewer money \$150 million will not go far, should use EFC, Community Development – CFR grant process uneven, streetlight bill passed-can now buy streetlights and convert to LED's for savings and inform residents to look at the Stop the Tax Shift website which has a link on our website Stop the Tax Shift.org

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Retzlaff, to file as received all correspondence. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REQUESTS/MOTIONS:
Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for December 22

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the Fire/EMS calls from November 28- December 11, 2015.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to decrease the sewer charge for McDonald's to normal in district rates on their November 2015 billing. Late fee penalties will also be waived for this billing only.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Robert Dumke from the Village of Alden Zoning Board of Appeals effective December 31, 2015.
On the question: the Mayor thanked Bob for all his years of service.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to appoint Michael Sitzman to the Village of Alden Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of the open term, expiring March 31, 2016.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Daluisio to approve Temporary Business Signs for the following businesses as per submitted applications, to expire on December 31, 2016:

D & S Automotive, 13450 Broadway
The Pink Cow, 13119 Broadway
Save-A-Lot, 13107 Broadway
Alden Pools & Play, 12890 Broadway
EG Tax, 13221 Broadway
The Whistle Stop Inn, 1338 Exchange Street
LaPaloma, 13268 Broadway
Crosby's, 13285 Broadway
Alden Pharmacy, 13203 Broadway
TD Mulch, 13350 Broadway

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to re-appoint Joseph Czechowski to the Ethics Committee for a three year term to expire December 31, 2018.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to set a Public Hearing for January 14 at 7:35 pm to discuss water and sewer rate increases.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff and seconded by Trustee Warmus to reimburse sewer repair bill for Mark Haines, 12863 Broadway for problems due to sewer main block.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

CEO Czechowski - thanked Robert Dumke for his service to the ZBA, appreciated his dedication and commitment.

Attorney Trapp – contacted Town of Fredonia concerning ambulance, but has not heard back. Had a phone conference with Time Warner, in negotiations, resolved many issues but still 2 outstanding: Buffalo feed as opposed to Rochester feed and technical upgrades and equipment for the Alden Central School.

Superintendent Sitzman – would like to remind residents, the parking ban is in effect from 2-6 am until April 1, even though there is no snow There will be a partial water service shut down on Broadway and Exchange on Dec. 29, the interruption should be minimal and all residents affected have been notified.

Clerk Wachowiak – along with the board wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee Warmus – congratulated the dept. heads for the great job they did this year.

Mayor Manicki – commented it was an interesting year, faced a few challenges, but got a lot done. Erie County sales tax has flattened out at .02% year to date, grant money for pedestrian crossing rapid flash beacons, we have been researching funding options for are no longer legal will explore other options, ECWA (Erie County Water Authority) issued their new rates. The village water rate is slightly higher, but no additional charges for summer surcharge, or fire hydrants, making us competitive. Thank you to Supervisor Milligan for the good working relationship we have enjoyed over the past several years, wishing you a happy retirement.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to adjourn. 7:47 pm. Carried.

I respectfully submit,

Sue Galbraith,
Deputy Village Clerk